Retiring President Will Hunt Opisthobranchs

Dr. F. M. MacFarland, retiring President of the Academy, looks forward to enjoying "civilian status" for the first time in twenty years. He became Corresponding Secretary of the Academy in 1926, and has been continuously reëlected to one office or another in subsequent years, having served as First Vice-President from 1932 to 1934, and as President since 1934. From 1934 to 1938 he also served as Acting Director of the Academy's Museum and Aquarium, during a period of particular difficulty when the financial stringency of the depression years required a steady hand at the helm.

Many men have retired to go big game hunting. Nothing so commonplace can satisfy Dr. MacFarland. He has retired to hunt Opisthobranchs, a group of delicately beautiful and inadequately known Mollusca, on which he is writing a monograph. By the time this appears in print, he and Mrs. MacFarland will be somewhere along the coast of Southern California, hunting their elusive prey at each low tide.

The incoming President, Mr. M. E. Lombardi, is a geologist of wide experience in both scientific and administrative work. He has an active and informed interest in the program of the Academy, having served as its First Vice-President from 1941 to 1945.

Twelfth California Conservation Week

The Academy is pleased again to coöperate with the California Conservation Council in urging the observance of the twelfth "California Conservation Week," March 7–14, 1946. Particular attention to problems of conservation will be given in the Academy's museum and lecture program.

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March Announcement

THE REGULAR MARCH MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in the Auditorium of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 245 Market Street, on Monday evening, March 4, 1946. Following a brief business meeting, the lecture of the evening will be given by Mr. John H. Storer, who will take as his subject:

WINGS, FINS, AND ANTLERS

John H. Storer, of Boston and Waltham, Massachusetts, is one of the nation's outstanding natural history lecturers, an ardent conservationist and an authority on the country's wildlife problems. He was one of the very first to use slow motion photography of birds in flight, and is well known as an authority on flight.

"Wings, Fins, and Antlers" particularly features the slow motion picture technique. The beauty and gracefulness of birds in flight, fish swimming, and deer leaping are wonderfully illustrated. The story begins in Florida and proceeds up the Atlantic Coast all the way to New Brunswick. One striking feature is a series of pictures of storm waves along the coast of Maine at Acadia National Park, the breaking waves being filmed eight times slower than natural speed.

This, one of the Academy's series of lectures on the Walter B. Scaife Foundation, is presented through arrangement with the National Audubon Society, which is sponsoring Mr. Storer's tour. The public is cordially invited.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given to all Corporate Members that the Council at its meeting on February 28, 1946, approved the applications of Mr. Herbert S. Anderson, Mrs. Paul Bancroft, Mr. Edwin T. Blake, Mr. Robert D. Boynton, Dr. David M. Greenberg, Mr. H. R. Jennings, Mr. Charles J. Lindgren, Dr. John W. Linstrum, Dr. Austin Miller, Miss Ethel McNeil, Dr. Bert J. Morris, Professor Chester L. Roadhouse, Mr. Robert L. Rudd, and Miss Edith Slack for MEMBERSHIP, and of Mr. Richard W. Arey, Mr. Teddy Reagh, and

Mr. Donald Trauner for STUDENT MEMBERSHIP in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of these applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after March 1, they will be considered elected.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences was held Wednesday evening, February 20, 1946, in the Simson African Hall. At this meeting the annual reports of the president, the director and the curators were presented, and the result of the annual election of officers was announced. The following persons were elected to the positions designated: President, Mr. Maurice E. Lombardi; First Vice-President, Dr. E. P. Meinecke; Second Vice-President, Dr. George S. Myers; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Charles L. Camp; Recording Secretary, Dr. Richard M. Eakin; Treasurer, Mr. Francis P. Farquhar, Trustee (to serve five years), Mr. Bruce Cornwall.

The proposal to amend the Constitution to enlarge the Board of Trustees by the addition of five new members to the present seven-man board was adopted by a large majority, and the following additional Trustees were elected: Mr. Paul I. Fagin, Mr. Edward E. Hills, Mrs. Henry Potter Russell, Mr. Daniel E. Koshland, Mr. Brayton Wilbur. In accordance with the provision of the amendment, these five new Trustees will determine by lot their terms of office, so that one shall hold office for one year, another for two years, another for three years, another for four years, and another for five years, thus maintaining the traditional arrangement of staggered terms of office.

FOUR ELECTED TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

AT THE Annual Meeting of February 20, four persons were elected Honorary Members of the California Academy of Sciences. The scientists so honored were:

Dr. Frank Mace MacFarland, Professor of Histology, Emeritus, in Stanford University, President of the Academy from 1934 to 1946.

Dr. Heloisa Alberto Torres, Director of the Museu Nacional, Rio de Janeiro.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Dr. D. M. S. Watson, Professor of Zoölogy, University College, London.

Election to Honorary Membership is the highest recognition which the Academy awards.